



# The Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday September 12, 1723.

From the Evening Post, September 7.

Since our last arrived one Mail from Holland.

Petersburg, August 20.

A Large Quantity of Arms and Ammunition has been put on board 3 Men of War at Cronslot, which will sail with the first fair Wind; Some say they are bound for Spain; but others will have it, that they are design'd for a secret Expedition in the West Indies.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13. By Letters from Tournay, Brussels and other Places, it appears that the Distemper about Cambray, Beaupame and Artois, is not contagious: Some Physicians of Lille, who went to that Part of the Country, to examine into the Nature of that Distemper, have reported, That it is no other than a common Fever, of which few die; and they think 'tis occasioned by eating of Fruit and Bread made of new Corn.

The Marquis de Pte has sent circular Letters to all the Bishops and Colleges of the Austrian Netherlands, to order them, on the Part of the Emperor, to draw up an Account of all the Grievances they have suffered, relating to the Execution of the Treaty of Münster, in any of their Church-lands, within the Domains of the States General of the United Netherlands.

Brussels, Sept. 9. The Court of the Proprietors of our India Company, which was appointed to be held the 22d Instant, is put off to the 6th of next Month.

Hague, Sept. 12. Rear Admiral Goddyn, who is to command our Squadron of 5 Men of War against the Algerines, has already taken his Leave of the States, in order to go Aboard.

London, Sept. 7. This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 110, 5 8ths. Bank, 124, 4th. India, 125. Africain, 12, 5 8ths. York Buildings, 41, 7 8ths.

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*The Flying Post.*

They write from Petersburg, That the Czar has given Leave for Printing a Monthly Journal of the most material Transactions in the Chief Towns of his Dominions; and that the General Rendezvous of the great Caravan, which is to go to China, is fixed at Tobolski; and 'tis said that it will consist this Year of above 500 Persons.

The Neapolitans murmur sadly at the heavy Taxes imposed upon them by the Vice-roy, and the Citizens have sent a Memorial to Prague, consisting of about 120 Articles of Complaint against the present Government, and praying for Relief.

*Brussels, Sept. 3.* Yesterday the several Trading Companies of this City went in cavalcade to the Church of our Lady of Halle (a City about eight Miles from hence) to carry her the annual Present of a new Gown, according to an ancient Institution of the Archduke Albert, and the Archduchess Isabella. The Burgo-Master rode before them as Colonel, and was followed by the City Trumpets and Kettle-Drums, at Night when they returned from Halle, they conducted their said Colonel to his own House, where he gave them Wine and other Liquors in Abundance; and also treated the Officers Wives who followed the Cavalcade in Coaches. 'Tis incredible what Numbers of Superstitious People go every 1st Sunday in September to Halle, to worship this pretended miraculous Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and so many Offerings and Presents are carried her, not only from Brussels, but the other Chief Cities and Towns of this Country, that the Gowns only are now become so numerous that they are sold off to such Votaries as have a Fancy to buy them. The Image is about 2 Foot long, covered over with Gold, and crowned with a Diadem of the same. In one Arm she holds an Image representing our Saviour, and in her other a gilded Rose: The richest Ornaments and Utensils of the Chapel were given by Philip the Good and his Dutches; Charles V, Archduke Albert, and Maximilian I. The latter gave a Rose-tree of pure Gold, branching out 2 Foot high, with variety of Sprigs and Flowers, which was consecrated and sent him by the Pope; Justus Lipsius a native of this Country, who was Secretary to the Cardinal of Grandville, and both studied and Taught at Lyden and at Lorain, hath wrote a History of the pretended Miracles of this Image, and his Silver Pen is hung up by it in a Chain of the same Metal, with a Copy of Verses under it, acknowledging that the Virgin assisted him in all his Performances.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 7.*

*Extract of a Letter from Prague, Sept. 3.*

Yesterday his Imperial Majesty received the Oaths of Fidelity from all the States of Bohemia. This Day the Ceremony of his Coronation was performed, with surprising Magnificence, and the Concourse of People was innumerable, Most part of the Persons of Quality could only see the Cavalcade, or Entry of his Imperial Majesty, the Church being too small to contain one Fourth-part of the Persons of Distinction which are now here. The Electoral Princes of Saxony is lodged in the Palace over-against the Apartments of the Empress. The Diet of this Kingdom began to assemble this Week.

*Petersburg, August 20.* Last Thursday all the Lords and Ministers of the Court went, in several small Vessels, to conduct in Triumph to Cronslot the first Barge which had been built here.

We hear, our Monarch is gone again on board his Fleet for Diversion. The Duke of Holstein is also gone to Cronslot.

*Hague, Sept. 14.* They write from Brussels, That the Marquis de Prie had not yet received the Information he expected from the Governors of the Frontier Places, touching the Distemper in Artois and the Castellany of Lisle; but had an Account, That some Physicians at Lisle, having been to examine into the Nature thereof, had made their Report that it was not contagious, but only a common Fever, which carried off but a few People. They attribute the

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Cause of this Sicknes, to the eating of Bread made of new Corn, and too much Fruit.

*Stockholm, August 15.* The King seems desirous of putting an end to the Diet this Month: But so many important Affairs come daily before the Secret Committee, which must necessarily be dispatched, that this seems impracticable; and the rather, because the States are resolved to bring every thing into such Order as to prevent future Jars and Troubles. Prince Maximilian, the King's Brother, has defer'red his Return to Cassel till Michaelmas.

*London, September 7.* Letters from Holland give us an Account of the Rife of the Whalebone, in which they tell us, that they have not taken above 20 Whales this Season, and a great Part of them very small ones; the Reason is, the Winds have been for so many Months past in the East and North, and North-East, that they could not come to fish for the Sea; so that it is believ'd that Commodity must advance at least near 20 Shillings per pound before the next Season.

Mr. Mist the Printer, who was lately taken by an Escape Warrant, and kept some Time in Custody of a Tip-staff, was some Days ago committed Prisoner to the King's Bench by the Lord Chief Justice Pratt.

They write from Thame in Oxford, That Sir Francis Tipping Bart. died there lately at his Seat near that Place, in a very advanced Age: His Title, with an Estate of 2000 L. per Annum, descends to his Son of the same Name.

We hear, the York Buildings Company have appropriated the Sum of 10,000 L. for carrying on and rendring effectual a Glass-work for Crown and Plate Glass.

*From the London Gazette, Sept. 7.*

*Whitehall Sept. 6.* An humble Address to his Majesty from the Council and House of Burgesses of Virginia, has been transmitted hither by Hugh Drysdale, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of that Colony, in order to be presented to his Majesty.

*Lisbon, August 28. N. S.* This Court is making a Collection of the most valuable Jewels that are to be had here, to adorn a Crown which is at this Time in the Workmens Hands, by Order of his Portuguese Majesty who is willing that the Ceremony of Coronation should be hence forward obserued upon the Accession of his Successors to the Throne of this Kingdom. His Majesty has been pleased to order a Present of a large Quantity of Wine of this Year's Vintage to be sent to Colonel Woresly Governor of Barbadoes. On the 25th Instant the Marquis de Copecellatto, the Spanish Ambassador at this Court had an Opera perfomed at his House, at which were present, the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction; it being the Anniversary of the Prince of Asturias. The 10th of September is appointed for the Departure of the Fleet for Rio de Janeiro.

*From the Evening Post, Sept. 7.*

*Prague, Sept. 5.* This Day was performed, in a most magnificent Manner, and before an incredible Concourie of People, the Coronation of the Emperor.

*Lisbon, August 15.* The British Man of War the Exeter, commanded by Captain Cockburn, is come into our River from the East Indies; where, with 3 other British Ships, she has been cruising for 3 Years against the Pyrates. The same Captain relates, That a Dispute arose in those Parts between a small English Cruiser of 18 Guns, which had taken a Prize, and two Portuguese Ships: That Affair, he says, was like to have been attended with dangerous Consequences, but by good Fortune, 'twas amicably compos'd by the Interposition of the Governors of Bombay and Goa.

*Bern, Sept. 4.* The Grandson of the late Duke of Marlborough was splendidly entertain'd at Dinner by the Magistrats of this City, who daily procure that young Lord all possible Diversions.

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*From the White-hall Evening Post, September.*

*Gottenburg, August 22.* Several of our Officers who had got their Liberty in Russia are come hither in Dutch Ships from Archangel by Way of Holland. The Churches and Houses that were destroy'd here by the last Fire, are rebuilding much finer and better than they were before.

*Hague, September 10.* 'Tis taken for granted, that the Conference which Meilleurs Vander Bompdon and Vander Poll, both Burgo Masters of Amsterdam, have had last Week, with the Deputies of the States General, turned chiefly on the new erected East India Company in the Austrian Netherlands! And as this State has caused repeated Representations to be made at the Court of Madrid, exhorting them to be on their Guard in the West Indies, lest the said Company might also endeavour to get Footing there, it is very probable that the Marquis de Monteleone has had an Answer from his Court on that Head by the last Express. 'Tis thought the States have that Affair so much at Heart, that they are resolved to make up the late Differences that were depending between them and the Court of Spain. It is likewise reported, That the West India Company, though much inferior to that of the East Indies, will also exert it self, by equipping several Men of War to oppose the Ostenders, in case they navigate within the Limits of the other's Jurisdiction.

*London, September 7.* Letters from Antegoa advise, that Captain Otter at St. Johnstoun in that Island, having invited General Hart and several other Persons of Note to dine with him, the Care of dressing the Dinner was committed to a Negroe Woman; his Slave, who was esteemed the best Cook in all that Neighbourhood. It happened, that in preparing the Sauces for the several Dishes, This Cook quarrelled with a Negroe Wench that assisted her, who thereupon discovered to Captain Otter a Design the other had of poisoning him and his Family, with all the Company, by a Drug she had mixed up with those Sauces, which being tried upon a Dog, and found to operate in the Manner of Poyson: She was presently seized, and condemned to be burnt alive, which was accordingly executed upon her, but with this remarkable Circumstance, that she was not tied to a Stake, but a large Fire being made of a Faggot, when the Flames began to raise, she threw her self into them, and expired without any Manner of Noise: Several Hundred Negroes were present at the Execution, and all of them were obliged to bring a small Knot of Faggots to the Fire.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 7.*

**R**Letters from Ratisbon of the 26th past say, The Evangelick Body, in order to convince the Emperor of the sincere Desires, they have always had and still have to agree to any Methods that may tend to terminate all the Differences of Religion, have come to a Resolution to enter into Conferences with the Ministers of the Imperial Commission, but not with any of the other Roman Catholick States of the Empire, that the whole shall be concerted according to the Tenor of the Treaty of Westphalia, and the Manner of Restitution mentioned in the Treaty of Baden without entering into any other Measures that might prove Derogatory thereunto, and in case of failing to attain by this Means a Redress of all Grievances of Religion, Commissioners shall then be sent to the several Places, where any Grievances have been to cause the Imperial Mandates to be put in Execution at the Expence of those who till then shall have shewn little Respect to them, &c. This Resolution is to be presented to the Emperor at Prague by Count Wartillaw Minister of Bohemia.

*Dublin, August 31.* On Thursday last, both Houses of Parliament met, when the Earl of Rosecommon and Montrath, the Lords Kilmaine and Blundel, and the Lord Bishop of Langlin and Fernes were introduced into the House of Lords and took their Seats accordingly; and then both Houses adjourned to Tuesday next.

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Mean while our Loggers from Hanover lay it being every Day more and more apparer, That the Roman Catholick Powers, instead of doing the Justices demanded of them by Virtue of the Laws of the Emperor, for redressing the Grievances of the Protestants, have all along amused our Brethren with false Hopes of Relief, and made use of all the Artifice they could for spining out the Time. The Kings of Great Britain and Prussia have thereupon under Consideration the settling of some effectual Method for redressing the said Grievances. Other Matters of high Consequence are also in Agitation, particularly that, relating to the Ossend E. India Company, which us feared will prove such a knotty Piece of Work as not to be accommodated in an amicable Way. But no doubt the King of Great Britain will make use of the most proper Means possible to bring this Affair to that happy Conclusion, as to preserve Peace with his Imperial Majesty.

Last Thursday there was a Meeting at Guildhall, of the Common Council of this City, when pursuant to a Motion that was made, the Act of Common Council relating to the Choice of Sheriffs was read, after which some Objections were made against the Proceedings of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen touching the Choice of Sheriffs for the ensuing Year, as tho' they were irregular and a Hatchet upon Sir John Williams and Mr. Lockwood; hereupon Sir William Thompson the Recorder, made a very eloquent Speech, in which he endeavoured to explain the Meaning of the said Act, and to set the Proceedings of the present Sheriffs in a true Light, as also those of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in the Choice of Sir Richard Hopkins and Mr. Feat, adding that the 2 first named Gentlemen thought they had Injustice done them they might remedy themselves by Law, and if they should not do it, he believed it would be done to show on whose Side the Legality of the Choice was made.

The Exeter Man of War who for these 3 or 4 Years past has been in several Parts of the East Indies to guard our Trade, arrived Yesterday at Portsmouth. The Generals Wills, Evans and Macakney, the honourable Col. Ker, and several other Officers were entertained this Day at Dinner by the Earl Cadogan. 'Tis said the several Encampments of Foot and Dragoons will break up the latter End of this Month. General Pepper hath lately caused to be apprehended about Enfield, 2 Persons charg'd as notorious Deet-stealers, were Yesterday conducted to Jail, under a Guard of Horse Grenadiers. The Distemper in Artois is judged to be only a common Fever. The Bishops, &c. in the Austrian Netherlands are ordered to draw up an Account of the Grievances they have suffered relating to the Execution of the Treaty of Munster in any of their Church Lands within the Dominions of the States General. S. S. III.

*Edinburgh, Sept. 12.* Yesterday James Cranston, who had been lately taken up and Indicted for Robbery, committed by him in the Neighbourhood of this City, received Sentence of Death, to be execute on him the 4th of October next.

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

**W**hereas by an Advertisement in the *Caledonian Mercury* of the 29th of August last, Intimation was made, That the Grammar School of Inverness being Vacant by the Demission of Mr. George Steel, late School Master there, who is gone to his Travels. And the Magistrats and Town Council of the said Burgh, Patrons of the said School, having resolved, That the said School, with the Salary and Emoluments thereof, should be given to the most deserving, appointed that there should be a comparative Tryal, on the first Tuesday of November next, before the Presbytery of Inverness, of young Men, who should set up as Candidates for the said School: There are now giving Notice, That the saids Magistrats and Town Council, have appointed the said Comparative Trial to be on the last Tuesday of October next, before themselves, as Judges, in the Town-house of Inverness: And all such as incline to undertake that Office, are hereby invited to repair to the said Burgh against the said last Tuesday of October, and give in their Names with their Testimonials to Alexander Baillie Town Clerk of Inverness, and the Candidates may be assured, that the saids Magistrats and Town Council will prefer the most Worthy;

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**T**HAT on Thursday the third of October next, there is to be run for at the Town of Lanerk, a Piece of Silver Plate of twelve Pounds Sterling Value, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, carrying eight Scots Stone; the best of three Heats round the Course that shall be marked out.

Any Horse that wins two Heats, and saves his Distance the third Heat, wins the Plate. In case the three Heats be won by three different Horses, they are to run the fourth Heat for the Plate.

Any Horse that is distanced can run no more, nor have Pretensions to the Plate.

Each Rider is to take off his own Saddle and Bridle, and carry them to the Scales immediately after each Heat; and if any Rider be a Pound under Weight, he loses the Plate.

All Horses that run for this Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk on or before the Last of September; and keep there till the Day of running.

The Horses that run for this Plate must be book'd, being two at least, belonging to different Persons without Collusion, on the Monday at farthest before the Race by the Clerk of the Town, paying five Pound Sterling amongst them by equal Proportions.

The Horses are to start between Twelve and Two, at the Warning of the Drum.

No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed; all Differences to be determined by Judges named by the Magistrats.

†† On Friday the Fourth of October next, there is a Piece of Silver Plate, of five Pound Sterling Value, to be run for at the Town of Lanerk, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, carrying eight Scots Stone: the best of three Heats round the Course that shall be marked.

All the Horses that run for the said Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk on or before the Second of October next; and to be kept in the Town till the Day of running.

The Horses that run for this Plate must be booked, being two at least, belonging to different Persons without Collusion, by the Clerk of the Town, on the Thursday before the Race, paying forty Shillings Sterling amongst them by equal Proportions.

The other Articles in the first Race, are to be observed in the second Race.

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